

## **Zero Tolerance**

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1999 in California, 1,170 people were killed and 29,833 people were injured due to impaired driving. More than 15 percent of those killed and injured were between 16 and 20 years old. California has zero tolerance for underage drinking and driving. What does that mean? It means that any motorist under the age of 21 with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .01 will have their license suspended for one year. Zero tolerance means zero exceptions.

## FUN FACTS

- 1. All states have a set blood alcohol concentration limit of .02 or lower for drivers under the age of 21.
- 2. California's zero tolerance law took effect January 1, 1994.
- 3. By 2007, 15-17 year olds will cause 24 percent more motor vehicle-related deaths because they will choose to drink and drive.
- 4. Alcohol-related traffic collisions kill more young people between 16 and 24 than any other single cause.
- 5. Minors found driving with alcohol in their systems who don't yet have driver's license, or who aren't eligible for a license at the time of the violation, will be disqualified from applying for a license for one year.
- 6. A female weighing approximately 130 lbs who consumes two drinks in one hour (12-oz beer, a glass of wine or a shot), already has a blood alcohol level (BAL) of 0.052 percent, half way to the legal limit of 0.10 percent BAL.
- 7. The first anti-DUI laws in California were established in 1911.